

based on the lowest effective tax rate applied to the product.

(Sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 285 (26 U.S.C. 5215); Sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 284 (26 U.S.C. 5207); Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1356, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5201); Sec. 6, Pub. L. 96-598, 94 Stat. 3488, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5010))

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8464, Mar. 1, 1985, as amended by T.D. ATF-297, 55 FR 18064, Apr. 30, 1990]

§ 19.683 Return of recovered denatured spirits and recovered articles.

Recovered denatured spirits and recovered articles may be returned for restoration or redenaturation to the bonded premises of any plant authorized to denature spirits, in accordance with the provisions of 27 CFR part 20. If restoration requires redistillation, the recovered denatured spirits or recovered articles may be returned for that purpose to bonded premises of a plant authorized to produce or process spirits. Recovered denatured spirits or recovered articles shall be gauged on receipt.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1363, as amended, 1372, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5223, 5273))

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8464, Mar. 1, 1985, as amended by T.D. ATF-199, 50 FR 9162, Mar. 6, 1985]

§ 19.684 Articles and spirits residues received for redistillation.

Articles manufactured under 27 CFR part 20, and spirits residues of manufacturing processes related thereto, may be received on the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant authorized to produce or process distilled spirits, for the recovery by redistillation of the distilled spirits contained in those materials. The proprietor shall gauge the materials when received.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1365, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5223))

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8464, Mar. 1, 1985, as amended by T.D. ATF-199, 50 FR 9162, Mar. 6, 1985]

§ 19.685 Return of recovered tax-free spirits, and spirits and denatured spirits withdrawn free of tax.

(a) *General.* Specially denatured spirits withdrawn free of tax under the applicable provisions of 27 CFR part 28 for

exportation or for deposit in a foreign-trade zone, and spirits or denatured spirits withdrawn free of tax under the applicable provisions of 27 CFR part 20 or 22, may be returned: (1) To bonded premises of any distilled spirits plant authorized to produce or process distilled spirits, for redistillation; or (2) To any bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant pending subsequent lawful withdrawal free of tax. Recovered tax-free spirits may, as provided in 27 CFR part 22, be returned for redistillation to bonded premises of any distilled spirits plant authorized to produce or process distilled spirits or to any bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant for restoration (not including redistillation). The return shall be made under the applicable provisions of this part and 27 CFR part 20, 22, or 28, as appropriate.

(b) *Bonding requirements.* Before spirits or denatured spirits are returned to bonded premises, except spirits or denatured spirits returned for redistillation, the proprietor shall file a consent of surety on Form 1533 to extend the terms of the operations or unit bond to cover the return of the spirits. The proprietor may file one consent of surety on the bond to extend the terms thereof to cover all spirits which may be returned.

(c) *Procedure.* When recovered tax-free spirits, spirits, or denatured spirits are received, they shall be gauged. When containers of spirits removed for export are returned to bond, pending subsequent removal for a purpose other than export, the export marks shall be obliterated.

(Sec. 3, Act of June 13, 1934, 48 Stat. 999, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81c); sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1314, as amended, 1365, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5001, 5223))

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§ 19.686 Return of spirits withdrawn without payment of tax.

(a) *Spirits withdrawn for export.* Spirits lawfully withdrawn without payment of tax under the provisions of 27 CFR part 28 for exportation, or for transfer to a customs bonded warehouse or a customs manufacturing bonded warehouse, or for deposit in a foreign-trade zone, or for use on vessels

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and aircraft, and not so exported, transferred, deposited, or used (or laden for use) on a vessel or aircraft, may be returned, under the applicable provisions of this part and 27 CFR part 28: (1) To the bonded premises of any plant authorized to produce or process distilled spirits, for redistillation; or (2) To the bonded premises from which withdrawn pending subsequent removal for a lawful purpose.

(b) *Spirits withdrawn for use in wine production.* Wine spirits withdrawn under § 19.532 for use in wine production, and not so used, may be returned to the bonded premises of a distilled spirits plant. The consignee proprietor shall obtain approval, as provided in § 19.506. The wine spirits shall be removed from the winery in accordance with the provisions of 27 CFR part 240.

(c) *Spirits withdrawn for research, development, or testing.* Spirits withdrawn without payment of tax, under the provisions of subpart V of this part, for research, development, or testing may be returned to the bonded premises of the distilled spirits plant from which withdrawn. After returning these spirits to bonded premises, they shall be destroyed, returned to containers, or returned to vessels in the distilling system containing similar spirits.

(d) *Procedure.* When spirits are received, they shall be gauged by the proprietor. When spirits which were removed for exportation are returned to bonded premises pending subsequent removal for a purpose other than exportation, all export marks on the containers in which the spirits are returned shall be obliterated.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1362, as amended, 1365, as amended, 1382, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5214, 5223, 5373); sec. 3, Pub. L. 91-659, 84 Stat. 1965, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5066))

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§ 19.687 Return of spirits withdrawn for export with benefit of drawback.

Subject to the provisions of 27 CFR 28.197 through 28.199, whole or partial shipments of spirits withdrawn for export with benefit of drawback may be returned to: (a) The bonded premises of the distilled spirits plant, pursuant to

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§ 19.681, or (b) to a wholesale liquor dealer or taxpaid storeroom. Claims filed by proprietors on TTB Form 5110.30 which include the returned spirits shall be reduced by the amount of tax paid or determined on the returned spirits.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1336, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5062); sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 285 (26 U.S.C. 5215))

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8464, Mar. 1, 1985, as amended by T.D. TTB-8, 69 FR 3830, Jan. 27, 2004]

§ 19.688 Abandoned spirits.

Spirits abandoned to the United States may be sold, without payment of the tax, to a proprietor of a plant for denaturation or for redistillation and denaturation, if the plant is authorized to denature or redistill and denature spirits. These spirits shall be kept apart from all other spirits or denatured spirits until denatured. The receipt and gauging provisions of § 19.683 are applicable to these spirits.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1370, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5243))

VOLUNTARY DESTRUCTION

§ 19.691 Voluntary destruction.

(a) *General.* Spirits, denatured spirits, articles, or wines in bond may be voluntarily destroyed as provided in this section. The tax liability on spirits, denatured spirits, articles, or wines so destroyed is extinguished.

(b) *Wine notice.* Wine may be destroyed in bond only after the proprietor has filed notice with the appropriate TTB officer stating the kind and quantity of wine to be destroyed and the date and manner in which the wine is to be destroyed. The wine may be destroyed after such notice has been filed.

(c) *Gauging.* A proprietor shall gauge spirits, denatured spirits, articles, or wines to be destroyed. Gauges of spirits in bottles may be established on the basis of legible case markings and label information when:

- (1) The bottles are full;
- (2) There is no evidence that the bottles have been tampered with.

(d) *Off bonded premises.* Spirits, denatured spirits, articles or wines may be removed and destroyed at a location off